



RHODE ISLAND
COUNCIL *for* the HUMANITIES

2020 Celebration of the Humanities Honorees

Join the Humanities Council and Event Committee co-chairs Tiffini Bowers and Elaine Faine Thursday, October 15, 2020 for a virtual gathering of hundreds that recognizes cultural and civic engagement in Rhode Island. The digital program will offer opportunities to explore fascinating humanities work that addresses societal problems and progress.

HONORARY CHAIRS' AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HUMANITIES

Dr. Joyce L. Stevos, Educator and Civic Leader

The Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates career achievements that demonstrate humanities excellence, reflect the Council's mission and core values and enrich public life in Rhode Island. Dr. Joyce Stevos is a Rhode Island native and graduate of Classical High School, Rhode Island College (RIC), and the University of Rhode Island. Currently adjunct professor in Educational Studies at RIC, Stevos was a teacher and administrator in the Providence Public Schools where she led the implementation of the study of Black History, the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and law-related education. After retirement, she served as a consultant with Trinity Restoration, Inc. to develop and incorporate the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School. Stevos has served on the boards of several community organizations including the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society and the Narragansett-Cooke-Gaspee Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is presently a board member of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame and the Heritage Harbor Foundation.



TOM ROBERTS PRIZE FOR CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HUMANITIES

Mary Beth Meehan, Pulitzer nominated Photographer, Educator, and Writer

The Tom Roberts Prize celebrates creativity in topics, disciplines, and formats that extend the field of the humanities. This year's Prize honors Mary Beth Meehan, a photographer, writer, and educator with degrees from Amherst College and the University of Missouri who has spent more than two decades embedding herself in communities across the United States. Her long-term documentary projects combine image, text, and large-scale public installation to question notions of identity, visibility, and equity in communities, activating public spaces and sparking conversations among the people who inhabit them. Her "Seen/Unseen" series in downtown Providence, Rhode Island, encourages viewers to celebrate both differences and commonality among its residents. Meehan's "Seeing Newnan" project in Georgia sparked a nationwide dialogue about immigration when it was featured on the front page of the Sunday New York Times in January 2020. Twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, Meehan has lectured nationally and internationally and spent over a decade teaching bilingual students at the International Charter School in Pawtucket to creatively explore their own cultural identities.



Credit: William Widmer

INNOVATION IN THE HUMANITIES AWARD

Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative

This year's Award is presented to the Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative (PCVI), recognizing their innovative implementation of the humanities to achieve a specific goal. Veterans in this free college program explore history, philosophy, art, and literature, aided by professors from University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, the University of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island School of Design, as well as with guest scholars, filmmakers, and actors and directors from Trinity Repertory Company. PCVI also works closely with Operation Stand Down Rhode Island. Dr. Mark Santow, Associate Professor and Chair of History at UMass-Dartmouth and a Providence School Board member, directs the program. Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the course is open to all veterans regardless of discharge status, age, or education; all materials are provided free of charge, and child care and transportation are available for those who need it. The PCVI is part of the national Clemente Course in the Humanities, which provides a transformative educational experience for adults empowering students to further their education and careers, and engage actively in the cultural and political lives of their communities.



PUBLIC HUMANITIES SCHOLAR AWARD

Janaya Kizzie, Archivist, Librarian, Artist, and Writer

This year's Public Humanities Scholar Award honors Janaya Kizzie for her unflinching dedication to equity, access, and engagement in the public humanities. An archivist, librarian, artist and writer with degrees from Bard College and the University of Rhode Island, Kizzie has worked at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University and assisted in the establishment of archives at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Citizens Bank, the Concord Free Public Library, and the AS220 Collection at Providence Public Library. In 2019, Kizzie was named the Rhode Island Arts and Culture Research Fellow, creating and editing hundreds of Wikipedia entries on Rhode Island artists, cultural producers, and writers and conducting workshops on the use of Wikipedia and digital environments to enhance cultural awareness. This fellowship was hosted by the Humanities Council. Kizzie is now Events Coordinator at the Providence Public Library, focusing on engaging the public with the library's extensive collections and resources. As an artist and writer, Kizzie was co-director of Frequency Writers in 2015-2016 and has exhibited her work at FringePVD, the RISD Museum, and Creature Conserve's Urban Wildlife Exhibit.



Credit: Cat Laine

EVENT OVERVIEW

2020 CELEBRATION OF THE HUMANITIES

A VIRTUAL EVENT & AWARD PRESENTATION

Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 6:00 PM EST

Register online at:
rihumanities.org/get-involved/celebrate
 or by returning the reply form below.

Join us in October by purchasing a ticket or sponsorship today!
 Ticket holders and sponsors will have access to live engagement with honorees and fellow attendees.
 Advertisements during the virtual event and in our digital program book are also available.
 Your message of support for this year's honorees and the impact of the humanities in our communities will reach hundreds of eyes thanks to our new digital format!

Event Co-Chairs: Tiffini Bowers & Elaine Fain

Event Committee: Joan Abrams, Alexandra Agati, Becca Bertrand, Diana Champa, Catherine "CC" Chung, Betsy Cronin, Liz Crawford, Adina Davies, Elizabeth Francis, Toubha Ghadessi, Rachael Jeffers, Taylor Polites, Maureen Reddy, Ray Rickman, Rebecca Riley, and Robin Wetherill

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Inclusion Deadlines:
Invitation: September 14, 2020
Virtual Ad & Digital Program Book: October 1, 2020

Sponsorship Opportunities

Benefits	VISIONARY \$2,500	CATALYST \$1,000	HUMANIST \$500	PARTNER \$300
TICKETS to virtual event with access to live engagement with honorees and fellow attendees.	6	4	2	2
RECOGNITION - each sponsor level includes the following:	Digital Program Book, 1/2 pg ad in Program Book, Logo on invitation, Logo/listing on pre-event promotions - website, enews, social media, Logo/listing display during show, Mention during show	Digital Program Book, Logo/listing in Program Book, Logo/listing on invitation, Logo/listing on pre-event promotions - website, enews, Logo/listing display during show	Digital Program Book, Logo/listing in Program Book, Logo/listing on invitation, Logo/listing on pre-event promotions - website, Logo/listing display during show	Digital Program Book, Logo/listing in Program Book, Logo /listing on invitation

Advertisements

Includes:	PROGRAM BOOK \$1,000	PROGRAM BOOK \$125	
	Full page, color ad in front or back of digital program book. 5"W x 8" T	1/4 pg, black & white ad with logo/listing in digital program book. 2.25"W x 4" T	
Includes:	VIRTUAL EVENT \$1,000	VIRTUAL EVENT \$500	VIRTUAL EVENT \$250
	START/END OF SHOW A brief message and logo to be displayed at the start or end of the virtual show.	MIDDLE OF SHOW Your logo displayed mid-show	END OF SHOW SCROL Your logo listed at the end of the show

Tickets

Includes:	SUPPORTER \$100	ACCESS \$20
	2 tickets to Virtual Event & Digital Program Book	Individual ticket to Virtual Event & Digital Program Book
*Your donation at this level allows the Council to provide three free tickets to community members who would not otherwise be able to join in the Celebration!		

Yes! I/we will support the Celebration of the Humanities with...

Return completed form to:
Rachael Jeffers, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities
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Email: rachael@rihumanities.org
Questions? Call (401) 273-2250

A SPONSORSHIP at the following level:

- Visionary* \$2,500
- Catalyst* \$1,000
- Humanist* \$500
- Partner* \$300

Additional TICKETS at the following level(s):

Supporter ticket \$100 (number _____)
Two tickets to virtual event & digital program book.
**(Your donation at this level allows the Council to provide three free tickets to community members who would not otherwise be able to join in the Celebration!)*

Access ticket \$20 (number _____)
Individual ticket to virtual event & digital program book.

A Digital Program Book or Virtual Event Advertisement at the following level(s):

- Full pg (5" W x 8" T) full color ad in program book* \$1,000
- 1/4 pg (2.5" W x 4" T) black & white ad in program book* \$125
- Virtual Event Ad - Start/End of show* \$1,000
- Virtual Event Ad - Middle of show* \$500
- Virtual Event Ad - End of show scroll* \$250

Art must be at least 300dpi; no bleeds on ad pages. Print-ready PDF files are preferred.

I/we cannot attend, but would like to make a gift of \$_____ to the Celebration of the Humanities.

Total: \$_____

Contact Information

Recognition Name: _____
(As it should appear in the program book)

Contact Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment

__ Please invoice my organization.
__ My check is enclosed, made payable to the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.
__ Please charge my credit card:
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